PHOENIX COLLEGE FACULTY ASSOCIATION
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, February 5, 2016
Hacienda Room
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Minutes

Guest (1:00pm): Interim VPSA Meredith Warner

VPSA Warner discussed the reorganization of PC Student Affairs. Several things have contributed to a recommendation to the Phoenix College Leadership Team (which has been approved) that Student Affairs at Phoenix College be reorganized. Some examples include: the huge increase in compliance requirements on a college level, many technological improvements, the loss of the Reach/TRIO grant, loss of key SA directors, and the significant decline in new student enrollment. The reorganization is budget-neutral and in fact saves the college approximately $30,000.
Senate had some discussion about appropriately serving our evening students and the District-wide Marketing Department reorganization.

I. General
   A. Meeting called to order at 1:05pm.
   B. Senators present: John Schampel (President), Kory Ambrosich (President Elect), Patty Finkenstadt (Past President), Frank Marfai, Karl Schindler, Andrea Villareal, Debbie Webster, Cindy Cloud, Adrianna Coronel, Scott Geddis, Amy MacPherson
      Senators absent: Dawn Klecka, Ana Marti-Subirana, Michael Wilson
   C. Motion to approve the agenda as amended. (Geddis, Schindler, MPU)
   D. Motion to approve November 20, 2015 minutes (Marfai, Villareal, MPU)
      Motion to approve December 4, 2015 minutes (Schindler, Villareal, MPU)
      Motion to approve January 22, 2016 minutes as amended (Cloud, Villareal, MPU)

II. Business
   A. Zone 3 Senators
      John nominated Amy MacPherson (COMM) and Rody Randon (COMM) for the vacant positions. These were the only individuals who contacted John about the announced vacancy. They will complete the remainder of the terms of the vacant positions.
      Motion to approve the nominations Rody for Kate (Geddis, Cloud, MPU)
      Motion to approve the nomination Amy for Robin (Marfai, Schindler, MP with one nay and one abstention)
   B. Adjunct Faculty Teaching Excellence Award (AFTEA)
      Patty discussed the history of the development of the AFTEA and asked for volunteers to identify adjunct faculty for the award for this semester.
      Selection criteria for the award include: Faculty must have completed at least three (3) semesters teaching at Phoenix College prior to being nominated, currently be

teaching one section at Phoenix College, and be nominated by appropriate Department Chair or Program Director or other faculty leader.
Motion to approve Debbie Webster and Andrea Villareal to spearhead this committee. (Cloud, Schindler, MPU)

C. PC Spring All Faculty Meeting
Per the PC Senate Bylaws, we have an All Faculty Meeting each semester. It was suggested to have this meeting on April 22, 2:30 – 4:30. Possible guests may include the current Faculty Association leadership, incoming Faculty Association President Elect, PAC leadership and possible Governing Board candidates. Specific agenda items and guests will be determined later.
Motion to have the PC All Faculty Meeting on April 22, 2:30 – 4:30 at Macayo's on Central and allocate up to $500 for food and drinks. (Cloud, Geddis, MPU)

D. AAUP Training Session
Senate discussed Senate providing lunch and/or snacks to participants of the AAUP training.
Motion to approve up to $500 for snacks or lunch during the AAUP training. (Geddis, Cloud, MPU)

III. Information

A. Chancellor's Decision on PC President
John referenced President Haines' recent email describing the three candidates as not an optimal fit for PC. The Chancellor did call John in advance of the decision. Ultimately, the decision is the Chancellor's. John reported to Senate that the candidates selected for public forums were the best candidates of the applicant pool provided by Cisek & Associates. The status quo (with Chris Haines as Interim President and Meredith Warner as Interim VPSA) is working well for Phoenix College.
Senate discussed the concerns about PC being in limbo and the interim positions being somewhat powerless, as well as the significant diversity of the candidate pool.

B. PC Budget
PC's budget is standing topic at PC Leadership Team meetings. John continues to have concerns about the transparency of the budget as provided by VPAS DeRose. The possible give-back to the District because of enrollment declines is unknown, but is a permanent budget decrease.
Senate discussed break-even class size and go/no-go number as it relates to enrollment declines.
The budget will be available on the intranet via GoogleDocs for PC employees to review. Conversations will continue regarding spending priorities for PC.

C. 2015-2016 PARC membership
John has invited several DTA recipients to serve on the PARC for this academic year. Several have agreed to serve.

D. AAUP Training
Training on academic freedom will be provided by AAUP and is anticipated to take place on April 1, from 12:00-4:30pm. VCHR Shelton-Johnson is expected be present and the session will include a history of academic freedom and breakout sessions. Mandatory attendees are expected to include PC Leadership Team, PC Faculty Senate, and PC HR. PC Department Chairs will be invited to attend. Discussion ensued about the possibility of inviting others from District and providing lunch or snacks for participants.
Motion to move back into Business. (Geddis, Schindler, MPU)

E. HLC Qualifications
Frank Marfai inquired about what Senate is doing to support those faculty who are affected by the recent changes to HLC qualifications. John will send an email to all faculty indicating that he is available to those with questions or concerns.

IV. Zone Reports

Zone 1: Scott reported that the Department Chair will talk to John about concerns regarding OPD in that department.

Zone 2: John Paul Theater renovations are proceeding. There was some discussion about the aesthetics of the renovations.

Zone 3: No report.

Zone 4: Zone 4 expressed an interest that, in light of President Haines' longer term as Interim, she should be encouraged to act boldly to move the interests of the college forward.
Zone 4 expressed a concern about how instructional complaints are being handled by administration.

V. Reports

A. President's: Postponed until next meeting.
B. Officers': Postponed until next meeting.
C. FEC: Postponed until next meeting.
D. BRC: Postponed until next meeting.

VI. Motion to adjourn. (Schindler, Geddis, MPU)

Next Faculty Senate Meeting
February 19, 2016, 1:00 – 3:00pm, Hacienda Room